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DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 734

CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF WATERSHED PROJECTS. Amends the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to reduce from 45 days to 15 days the period for congressional review of the proposed projects initiated under the Act.

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RECORD H. R. 11873

OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE

ON FEBRUARY 2, 1917, REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND MARITIME AFFAIRS.

A BILL

To amend the National Shipping Act of 1916, and to provide
for more efficient administration of said act.

1. That the National Shipping Act of 1916, as amended,
2. be amended by striking out the word "and" in the
3. second line of the first section of said act, and inserting
4. the word "or" in its place; and
5. that the National Shipping Act of 1916, as amended,
6. be amended by striking out the word "and" in the
7. second line of the second section of said act, and inserting
8. the word "or" in its place.

84TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 11873

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1956

Mr. THOMPSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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5 of said section the words "forty-five" and inserting "fifteen".

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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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HIGHLIGHTS: House committee ordered reported bills to decrease review period for watershed projects; continue ACP; release certain Tongass Forest receipts from escrow; extend school milk program to certain institutions; authorize land purchase in Cache National Forest; permit certain cotton futures purchasing; approve Middle Atlantic Forest fire protection compact; prescribe the civil penalties for violations of Federal Seed Act; and permit certain USDA-State-local employees exchanges. House committee ordered reported fisheries bill. House committee ordered reported bill to provide for reimbursement to Post Office of registration fees on Government mail. Conferees agreed to file conference report on roads bill. Senate confirmed nomination of Hamil as REA Administrator.

HOUSE

1. THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE ordered reported the following bills: p. D662
 - H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days.
 - H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga.
 - H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children, whether or not under-privileged.
 - H. R. 609, to extend the provisions of the Federal Import Milk Act to Alaska.
 - H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959.
 - H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska.
 - H. R. 8898, to authorize the purchase of additional lands within the Cache National Forest, Utah.
 - H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases.
 - H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain USDA lands to Corbin, Ky.

S. 3032, to approve the proposed Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact.

S. 2517, to release from escrow certain timber sale receipts in the Tongass National Forest.

S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act.

S. 1915, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions.

2. FISHERIES. The Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee ordered reported H. R. 11570, to establish a sound and comprehensive national policy with respect to fisheries and wildlife and create and establish in the Interior Department, the office of Undersecretary of Fisheries and Wildlife. p. D663
3. POSTAL SERVICE. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee ordered reported S. 1871, to provide for the reimbursement to the Post Office Department of fees for registration of Government mail. p. D664
4. ROADS. The conferees agreed to file a conference report on H. R. 10660, the road construction and revenue bill. p. D665
5. PUBLIC DEBT. Passed without amendment H. R. 11740, to increase the public debt limit by \$3 billion for the fiscal year 1957. p. 9716
6. DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME. The D. C. Committee ordered reported S. 3295, to authorize extension of the period of daylight-saving time in D. C. until October. p. D662
7. TRADE FAIRS. The Foreign Affairs Committee ordered reported H. J. Res. 604, to authorize the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the U. S. World Trade Fair of 1957. p. D663
8. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public (H. Rept. 2410). p. 9720
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SENATE

12. NOMINATIONS. Confirmed the nominations of David A. Hamil to be REA Administrator; and Glenn A. Boger to be a member of the Federal Farm Credit Board. pp. 9660, 9709
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15. DEFENSE PRODUCTION. Received the conference report on H. R. 9852, to extend the Defense Production Act of 1950 (H. Rept. 2486). pp. 9972, 9975 The conferees deleted the House provision that private individuals appointed to the Executive Reserve would have to file a financial statement in the Federal Register, and expressed approval of continued industrial dispersal.
16. AGRICULTURE Committee reported the following bills: p. 9975
- H. R. 8817, with amendment, to provide for the transfer of certain USDA / lands to Corbin, Ky. (H. Rept. 2464).
- H. R. 9339, without amendment, to authorize the exchange of certain lands of the U. S. in Union County, Ga. for lands within the Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga. (H. Rept. 2465).
- H. R. 11873, without amendment, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days. (H. Rept. 2470).
- S. 1915, with amendment, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions and educational institutions (H. Rept. 2471).
- H. R. 11375, without amendment, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children, whether or not underprivileged (H. Rept. 2472).
- S. 1618, without amendment, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act (H. Rept. 2473).
- H. R. 9333, with amendment, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases (H. Rept. 2478).
17. RECLAMATION; ELECTRIFICATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported H. R. 4719, to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon. p. D686
18. TRANSPORTATION. The Transportation and Communications Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 525, which would amend Sec. 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act by eliminating authorization for handling property free or at reduced rates for the U. S. and transporting persons for the U. S. Government free or at reduced rates. p. D686
19. MARKETING. The "Daily Digest" states that the Rules Committee granted a rule for the consideration of H. R. 4054, to provide a system of mortgage insurance to municipal and other political subdivisions of the States, to be administered by the USDA, for the expansion of public marketing of perishable commodities. p. D688
20. COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION. The "Daily Digest" states that the Rules Committee granted a rule for the consideration of H. R. 11132, to increase the borrowing authority of CCC. p. D688
21. LABOR STANDARDS. The Education and Labor Committee reported without amendment H. R. 11799, amending the Fair Labor Standards Act relative to minimum wages in the Samoa, Wake and Guam islands (H. Rept. 2469). p. 9975

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22. BUDGET; EXPENDITURES. Rep. Hoffman stated that he had always endeavored to bring about greater efficiency and economy in the Government's activities "But that we will never get lower taxes, a balanced budget, until the people accept a share of the responsibility for Federal expenditures." p. A5026
23. RESEARCH; FRUITS. Rep. Vursell inserted a radio broadcast he recently made pointing out the benefits that have been brought to the orangegrowers of the State of Florida, as the result of the work of research scientists in this Department. p. A5027
24. WATER POLLUTION. Rep. Burnside inserted a newspaper article in support of H. R. 9540, to extend and strengthen the Water Pollution Control Act. p. A5028
25. FOREIGN AID. Rep. Bentley inserted a newspaper article, "Foreign Aid's Failures Prove Cut Long Overdue." p. A5044
26. DISTRESSED AREAS. Rep. Price inserted an editorial commending Sen. Douglas and Rep. Gray for their support of the bill which would establish an Area Development Administration to assist distressed areas. p. A5047

BILLS INTRODUCED

27. CONTRACTS. H. R. 11947, by Rep. Cooper and H. R. 11948, by Rep. Reed, to extend and amend the Renegotiation Act of 1951; to Ways and Means Committee.
28. LANDS. H. R. 11950, by Rep. Dawson (by request), to provide for the adjustment of the legislative jurisdiction exercised by the United States over land in the several States used for Federal purposes; to Government Operations Committee.
29. SOIL BANK. H. R. 11958, by Rep. Poage, to amend the acreage reserve provisions of the Soil Bank Act to permit inclusion of acreage up to 30 days prior to harvest; to Agriculture Committee.
30. WATER. H. R. 11962, by Rep. Steed, to provide for Federal participation and cooperation with States and local interests in developing water supplies for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other purposes; to Public Works Committee.
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33. COMMODITY EXCHANGES. Futures Trading. Part II. Onions. House Agriculture Committee.
34. FARM PROGRAM. General Farm Legislation. Part II. House Agriculture Committee.

ELIMINATE DELAY IN WATERSHED PROJECTS

JUNE 26, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 11873]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11873) to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act requires that after projects have been worked out with local groups, approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, and reviewed and approved by the Bureau of the Budget, they shall be submitted to Congress through the President and that no work on such projects may start for at least 45 days after the date of submission, counting only those days occurring during any regular or special session of Congress.

The intended purpose of this interval was to give the Houses of Congress and individual Members thereof an opportunity to review the projects before work on them was undertaken in order that proper action might be inaugurated in the event Congress disapproved of any specific projects.

The act went into effect on August 4, 1954 and the first projects thereunder were submitted to Congress on April 20 of this year. Since that time, additional projects have been set up by the Bureau of the Budget, including a group of eight such projects on June 8, 1956.

Experience with the handling of the projects thus far submitted indicates quite clearly that the interval of 45 days provided in the act for congressional review is unnecessarily long. Not only does this requirement normally hold up the start of projects longer than necessary, but because of the provision that only days during a session of Congress are to be counted, may delay the start of such a project unnecessarily from one session of Congress to another.

This bill will shorten the review period from 45 days to 15 days and thus eliminate a substantial delay, while still maintaining the principle of and opportunity for congressional review of each individual project.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture indicates no objection on the part of that Department or the Bureau of the Budget to the bill.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., June 22, 1956.

HON. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COOLEY: This is in reply to your request for a report by this Department on H. R. 11873 a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

The Department has no objection to enactment of the bill. However, the period for congressional consideration of work plans transmitted to it is, in our view, a matter for the Congress to decide.

The bill would shorten from 45 to 15 days the period which must elapse after work plans are received by the Congress before installations of works of improvement on the projects can be commenced with Federal assistance.

This would make it possible to start work on projects 30 days sooner than under present provisions. It would help assure the initiation of work this summer on several projects for which work plans are now before the Congress and on which work cannot be started until next year if the Congress adjourns less than 45 days after they were received by the Congress.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Acting Secretary.*

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT

(68 Stat. 666)

* * * * *

SEC. 5. At such time as the Secretary and the interested local organization have agreed on a plan for works of improvement, and the Secretary has determined that the benefits exceed the costs, and the local organization has met the requirements for participation in carrying out the works of improvement as set forth in section 4, the

Secretary is authorized to assist such local organizations in developing specifications, in preparing contracts for construction, and to participate in the installation of such works of improvement in accordance with the plan: *Provided*, That, except as to the installation of works of improvement on Federal lands, the Secretary shall not construct or enter into any contract for the construction of any structure unless there is no local organization authorized by State law to undertake such construction or to enter into such contract, and in no event after July 1, 1956: *Provided*, That in participating in the installation of such works of improvement the Secretary, as far as practicable and consistent with his responsibilities for administering the overall national agricultural program, shall utilize the authority conferred upon him by the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That, at least **[forty-five]** fifteen days (counting only days occurring during any regular or special sessions of the Congress) before such installation involving Federal assistance is commenced, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the plan and the justification therefor to the Congress through the President: *Provided further*, That any such plan (a) which includes reclamation or irrigation works or which affects public or other lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, or (b) which includes Federal assistance for floodwater detention structures, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of the Army, respectively, for his views and recommendations at least sixty days prior to transmission of the plan to the Congress through the President. The views and recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Army, if received by the Secretary of Agriculture prior to the expiration of the above sixty-day period, shall accompany the plan transmitted by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Congress through the President: *Provided further*, That, prior to any Federal participation in the works of improvement under this Act, the President shall issue such rules and regulations as he deems necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Act, and to assure the coordination of the work authorized under this Act, and related work of other agencies including the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army.



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84TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 11873

[Report No. 2470]

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SURPLUS COMMODITIES.

16. S. 3903, to increase the amount under title 1 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act, was made the unfinished business. pp. 10440, 10485
17. CCC BORROWING POWER. Sen. Ellender urged prompt consideration of S. 3820, to increase the borrowing power of CCC. p. 10440

HOUSE

18. RECLAMATION. Conferees were appointed on S. 1622, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make payment for certain improvements located on public lands in the Rapid Valley unit, S. Dak., of the Missouri River Basin project. Senate conferees were appointed on June 29. p. 10499
19. WATERSHEDS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days. p. 10515
20. PENALTY MAIL. Passed as reported S. 1871, to extend the penalty mail Act to Extension Directors and Experiment Stations. p. 10509
21. POSTAL RATES. Agreed to a resolution providing for the consideration of H. R. 11380, to readjust postal rates and to establish a congressional policy for the determination of postal rates. p. 10546
22. FOREIGN AID. Conferees were appointed on H. R. 11356, the mutual security bill. Senate conferees were appointed June 29. p. 10533
23. LAND TRANSFERS. Passed as reported H. R. 8817, to provide for the transfer of certain lands to Corbin, Ky. p. 10514
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 9678, to provide for the transfer of the Baronof Castle site (formerly research land) to Sitka, Alaska (H. Rept. 2571). p. 10561
The Forests Subcommittee of the Agriculture Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11895, to authorize the interchange of lands between the USDA and the military departments of the Defense Department. p. D726
24. FORESTRY. Passed without amendment H. R. 9339, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in Union County, Ga. for lands within the Chattahoochee National Forest, Ga. p. 10514
The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 2517, to release certain Tongass National Forest receipts from escrow (H. Rept. 2568). p. 10561
25. MILK. Passed without amendment H. R. 11375, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children whether or not underprivileged. p. 10515
26. SEED. Passed without amendment S. 1688, to remove the criminal penalty for inadvertent violations of the Federal Seed Act and to prescribe civil penalties for such violations of the Act. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10516
27. COMMODITY EXCHANGES. Passed as reported H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases. p. 10516
28. TRANSPORTATION. At the request of Rep. Ford, after some discussion, passed over S. 898, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act, with respect to the authority of

the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the use by motor carriers (under leases, contracts, or other arrangements) of motor vehicles not owned by them, in the furnishing of transportation of property. p. 10512

29. CONTRACTS. The Ways and Means Committee reported on June 30 with amendment H.R. 11947, to extend and amend the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (H. Rept. 2549). p. 10560
30. SOIL CONSERVATION. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8321, to further extend the period of Federal administration of the ACP program from Jan. 1, 1957 to Jan. 1, 1959 (H. Rept. 2570). p. 10561
31. PERSONNEL. Passed without amendment S. 1542, to authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10508
At the request of Rep. Gross, passed over S. 1815, to permit the exchange of employees of the USDA and employees of State-local political subdivisions or educational institutions. p. 10515
Passed without amendment H. R. 11923, to provide for the conferring of an award to be known as the Medal for Distinguished Civilian Achievement. p. 10519
The Executive and Legislative Reorganization Subcommittee of the Government Operations Committee ordered reported to the full committee H. R. 11515, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation costs of persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the U. S. and Alaska. p. D726
32. RECORDS. At the request of Rep. Cunningham, passed over S. 2364, to clarify GSA authority over records management. p. 10499
33. WATER PLANTS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11636, to amend Chapter 3 of Title 18, U. S. Code, to provide penalties for the transportation, sale of, or advertising for sale, in interstate commerce, of water hyacinth plants, water chestnut plants, or alligator grass. p. 10505
34. BUILDINGS. Passed without amendment S. 3866, to facilitate the making of lease purchase agreements by GSA by deleting the requirement for approval of purchase contract agreements by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget and adding a requirement that the project statement by the Director shall be based on budgetary and related considerations, and not deemed to constitute approval of specific terms or provisions of any proposed agreement or of the selection of any particular contractor or lessor. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510.
35. WEATHER. Passed without amendment S. 2913, to extend for two years (until June 30, 1958) the Advisory Committee on Weather Control. This bill is now ready for the President. p. 10510
36. RESEARCH; ORGANIZATION. Passed without amendment H. R. 11575, to provide for an Assistant Secretary for Research and Development for each of the three military departments within the Defense Department. p. 10524
37. FLOOD CONTROL. Passed with amendment S. 3272, to increase and make certain revisions in the general authorization for small flood control projects. A similar bill, H. R. 9555, was laid on the table. p. 10529

now exist, or which may become necessary to any operations of the United States on or in connection with the remaining portion of said lands at the Armed Forces Experimental Training Activity, Camp Peary, near Williamsburg, Va.

SEC. 4. The conveyance of the property authorized by this act shall be upon condition that such property shall be used for training of the National Guard and the Air National Guard and for other military purposes, and that if the State of Virginia shall cease to use the property so conveyed for the purposes intended, then title thereto shall immediately revert to the United States, and in addition, all improvements made by the State of Virginia during its occupancy shall vest in the United States without payment of compensation therefor.

SEC. 5. The conveyance of the property authorized by this act shall be upon the further provision that whenever the Congress of the United States declares a state of war or other national emergency, or the President declares a state of emergency, and upon the determination by the Secretary of Defense that the property conveyed under this act is useful or necessary for military, air, or naval purposes, or in the interest of national defense, the United States shall have the right, without obligation to make payment of any kind, to reenter upon the property and use the same or any part thereof, including any and all improvements made thereon by the State of Virginia, for the duration of such state of war or of such emergency. Upon the termination of such state of war or such emergency plus 6 months, such property shall revert to the State of Virginia, together with all appurtenances and utilities belonging or appertaining thereto.

SEC. 6. In executing the deed of conveyance authorized by this act, the Secretary of the Army or his designee shall include specific provisions covering the reservations and conditions contained in sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this act.

SEC. 7. The cost of any surveys necessary as an incident to the conveyance authorized herein shall be borne by the State of Virginia.

With the following committee amendment:

Page 4, lines 1 and 2, strike the words "and the Air National Guard."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COASTWISE TRADE

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11122) to promote the development and rehabilitation of the coastwise trade, to encourage the construction of new vessels, and for other purposes.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I understand that this bill is programed to be called up under suspension of the rules. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that it be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

PRIVATE FINANCING OF PASSENGER VESSELS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11554) to amend certain provisions of title XI of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as

amended, to facilitate private financing of passenger vessels in the interest of national defense, and for other purposes.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I understand that this bill will be called up under suspension of the rules today. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that it be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

WATERSHED PROJECTS

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11873) to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act is amended by striking out of the third proviso of said section the words "forty-five" and inserting "fifteen."

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

INTERCHANGE OF CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE EMPLOYEES

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1915) to provide for further effectuating the act of May 15, 1862, through the exchange of employees of the United States Department of Agriculture and employees of State political subdivisions or educational institutions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if someone will tell me whether this would provide for an increase in the number of employees through this exchange?

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

EXTENSION OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MILK PROGRAM

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 11375) to amend the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the last sentence of section 201 (c) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "For the period beginning September 1, 1954, and ending June 30, 1955, not to exceed \$50 million, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, not to exceed \$60 million, and for each of the 2 fiscal years in the period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1958, not to exceed \$75 million, of the funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation shall be used to increase the consumption of fluid

milk by children in (1) nonprofit schools of high-school grade and under; and in (2) nonprofit nursery schools, child-care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children."

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, 1956, I introduced H. R. 11375 to amend section 201 (c) of the Agricultural Act for the purpose of clarifying language in the act to extend the school-milk program to agencies and institutions now barred from receiving school milk by a recent ruling of the United States Department of Agriculture.

After introducing the bill, I received communications from a number of religious organizations, organizations engaged in youth activities, farm organizations, and dairy groups expressing support of the bill.

When the Dairy Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee held hearings on the bill, representatives of the National Milk Producers Federation, the Milk Industry Foundation, the Dairy Industry Committee, and the National Farmers Union testified in favor of H. R. 11375.

The House Agriculture Committee voted unanimously on June 21 to report the bill out to the House.

Under the law, as it now stands, school milk can be given free only to nonprofit nursery schools, child-care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions if the children are underprivileged and on a public welfare basis.

My bill, H. R. 11375, eliminates all reference to underprivileged children on a public welfare basis. H. R. 11375 permits the use of CCC funds for the purpose of increasing the consumption of fluid milk in nonprofit nursery schools, child-care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children.

On the basis of conferences I have had with United States Department of Agriculture officials, it is my understanding that if all nonprofit agencies serving children were eligible to receive school milk without restrictions on the matter of recipients being on public welfare several hundred thousand more children would be receiving school milk.

In Wisconsin, where considerable progress has been made in extension of the school-milk program to organizations other than schools, a survey was made recently to determine the number of children that would be eligible under the present program. The survey indicates that 31 child-care institutions serving 4,600 children are eligible.

However, if authority was broadened—as proposed in my bill—279 institutions or programs would serve 85,000 children under H. R. 11375.

Present legislation excludes many organizations serving a substantial number of children. Among these groups are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, 4-H Clubs, YMCA, church groups, and summer camps or recreation programs operated by city recreation departments or park commissioners.

For example, 270 camps in Massachusetts now receive surplus foods; however, only 20 to 25 of these camps can qualify on the basis of giving milk to underprivileged children on a public welfare status. Similarly, summer recreation programs in the Boston area and in Philadelphia are excluded under present authority.

The same situation applies to many other States where hundreds or thousands of children are excluded from receiving milk because they are not on public welfare.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the House Agriculture Committee, the House Dairy Subcommittee and the House itself for supporting H. R. 11375.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL SEED ACT

The Clerk called the bill (S. 1688) to amend the Federal Seed Act.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 406 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1956) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Any person who knowingly, or as a result either of gross negligence or of a failure to make a reasonable effort to inform himself of the pertinent facts, violates any provision of this act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of not more than \$1,000, for the first offense, and upon conviction for each subsequent offense not more than \$2,000."

"(b) Any person who violates any provision of this act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder shall forfeit to the United States a sum, not less than \$25 or more than \$500, for each such violation, which forfeiture shall be recoverable in a civil suit brought in the name of the United States."

SEC. 2. Section 204 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1574) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 204. The use of a disclaimer or non-warranty clause in any invoice, advertising, labeling, or written, printed, or graphic matter, pertaining to any seed shall not constitute a defense, or be used as a defense in any way, in any prosecution or other proceeding brought under the provisions of this act, or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder."

SEC. 3. Section 412 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1602) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 412. The institution of any one of the proceedings provided for in sections 405, 406, 409, 410, and 411 shall not bar institution of any of the others, except that action shall not be instituted under both subsections 406 (a) and (b) for the same cause of action. Nothing in this act shall be construed as requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend prosecution, or institution of civil penalty proceedings, libel proceedings, cease-and-desist proceedings, or proceedings for the enforcement of a cease-and-desist order, for minor violations of this act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder whenever he believes that the public interest will be adequately served by suitable written notice or warning."

SEC. 4. The amendments made by this act shall be applicable only with respect to vio-

lations occurring after the enactment of this act.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONFIDENCE GAME SWINDLES

The Clerk called the bill (S. 997) to provide punishment for certain confidence game swindles.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 2314 of title 18, United States Code, be, and it is hereby, amended by inserting therein immediately after the first paragraph thereof, a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transports or causes to be transported, or induces any person to travel in, or to be transported in interstate commerce in the execution or concealment of a scheme or artifice to defraud that person of money or property having a value of \$5,000 or more; or."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TRAINING OF FISHING INDUSTRY PERSONNEL

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 10433) to promote the fishing industry in the United States and its Territories by providing for the training of needed personnel for such industry.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that this bill is programmed by the leadership to come up under suspension of the rules. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent that it be passed over without prejudice.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

There was no objection.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.

The Clerk called the bill (S. 2091) authorizing the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of the bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Ill.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the first section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the city of Rock Island, Ill., or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Ill., and to a place at or near the city of Davenport, Iowa," approved March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "That" and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) The city of Rock Island, Ill., or any State or political subdivision thereof which may have acquired the bridge constructed pursuant to the subsection (a) of this section, is hereby authorized, subject to the prior approval of the plans by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of the Army, to reconstruct and enlarge such bridge and to

reconstruct, enlarge, and extend the approaches to such bridge, including, but not limiting the generality of the foregoing, the altering, widening, laying out, opening, or constructing of any streets, avenues or boulevards within or without any municipality deemed necessary by said city or any State, public agency, or political subdivision that may take over or acquire said bridge in order to provide adequate traffic regulations and approach or approaches to the said bridge: *Provided*, That such approaches shall include only those necessary portions of streets, avenues, and boulevards which are directly connected with the bridge, or which are located immediately adjacent thereto, and whose principal use is to provide access to the bridge."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of such act of March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(including reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such bridge and its approaches)" after "and its approaches."

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such act of March 18, 1938, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches (including the reasonable cost of reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such bridge and its approaches) under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed 30 years from the completion of the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of such bridge and its approaches as provided in subsection (b) of the first section of this act. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls in accordance with such arrangement as may be agreed upon by the city of Rock Island, Ill., or its assigns, and the State highway departments or other appropriate agencies of the States of Iowa and Illinois. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches; the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same; the expenditures for reconstructing, enlarging, and extending the same; and all of the daily tolls collected shall be available for the information of all persons interested."

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AMENDMENT OF COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT

The Clerk called the bill (H. R. 9333) to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to give certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Speaker, will the author of the bill give us a brief explanation of what is proposed to be done by this bill?

Mr. GATHINGS. Yes, I shall be glad to do so.

This bill was carefully and thoroughly considered by the subcommittee and the full Committee on Agriculture. Three days of hearings were held. It provides

84TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 11873

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 3, 1956

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AN ACT

To amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act
so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Pre-
4 vention Act is amended by striking out of the third proviso
5 of said section the words "forty-five" and inserting "fifteen".

Passed the House of Representatives July 2, 1956.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate committees ordered reported the following bills: Farm loan bill. Broaden authority for use and occupancy of land within national forests. Broaden law on practices in marketing perishable commodities. Permit processors to buy cotton futures contracts. Eliminate delay in starting watershed projects. Dispose of Akron synthetic rubber laboratory. House Rules Committee cleared supplemental appropriation bill. House agreed to resolution for consideration of marketing facilities bill. House committee ordered reported bill to add cranberries for canning and freezing to Marketing Agreement Act. House agreed to resolution for consideration of trip leasing bill. Rep. Johnson, Wis., discussed need for stabilizing income of dairy farmers.

HOUSE

1. APPROPRIATIONS. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for consideration of H. R. 12138, the supplemental appropriation bill for 1957. p. 11069
2. TRANSPORTATION. Agreed to a resolution for consideration of S. 898, to amend the Interstate Commerce Act so as to authorize ICC to regulate the use by motor carriers (under leases, contracts, or other arrangements) of motor vehicles not owned by them, in the furnishing of transportation of property, but to prohibit regulation of the duration of, or the terms of pay under, certain trip-leasing arrangements. p. 11074
3. MARKETING. Agreed to a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 4054, to provide a system of mortgage insurance to municipal and other political subdivisions of the States, to be administered by USDA, for the expansion of public marketing of perishable commodities. p. 11075
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- amendment (H.Rept. 2668),
4. LANDS. The Agriculture Committee reported without H. J. Res. 642, to provide for the quitclaim of certain FHA land in Coahoma County, Miss. p. D767
Interior and Insular Affairs Committee ordered reported H. R. 10371, to provide that withdrawals or reservations of more than 5,000 acres of public lands of the U. S. for certain purposes shall not become effective until approved by act of Congress. p. D768
5. RECLAMATION. Agreed to a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 10643, to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Washoe reclamation project, Nev. and Calif. p. 11072
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6. FLOOD CONTROL. The Rules Committee reported a resolution for the consideration of H. R. 12080, to authorize the construction, repair, and preservation of certain Army public works on rivers and harbors for navigation and flood control. p. 11083
The Public Works Committee reported without amendment S. 1358, to authorize modification of the flood-control project for Missouri River Agricultural Levee Unit 513-512R, Neb. (H. Rept. 2676). p. 11083
7. FOREIGN TRADE. The Ways and Means Committee ordered reported H. R. 9396, to provide for the duty-free importation of guar seed. p. D769
8. FARM PROGRAM. Rep. Hand discussed the problems of New Jersey agriculture and suggested that more attention should be paid to the farm problems of the Northeast in research, conservation, and crop insurance. p. 11075

SENATE

9. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE ordered reported the following bills: p.D765
H. R. 5337, without amendment, to broaden the provisions of law relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities;
H. R. 9333, without amendment, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases;
H. R. 9339, without amendment, authorizing the exchange of certain U. S. lands in Union County, Ga., for lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest;
H. R. 11873, without amendment, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days;
S. 3429, with amendment, to improve and simplify the credit facilities available to farmers and to amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act;
S. 2216, with amendment, to amend the act of March 4, 1915, to permit the use and occupancy of national forest lands for industrial and commercial purposes, and by States or political subdivisions for constructing facilities for education or other public uses;
S. 3133, with amendment, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the U. S. to Boise, Ida.
10. RESEARCH. The Banking and Currency Committee ordered reported with amendment S. 3832, to provide for the disposal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio.

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HOUSE

1. FOREIGN AID. Passed with amendments H. R. 12130, the mutual security appropriation bill, by a vote of 120 to 284. The amendments adopted would provide that not less than \$15,000,000 of the \$35,000,000 for Latin American defense support be used to aid Guatamala, and that no funds contained in the mutual security appropriation bill be used for international educational exchange activities. p. 11180
2. FOREIGN TRADE. Both Houses received from the President the 4th semi-annual report on activities carried on under Public Law 480, 83rd Congress (H. Doc. 447); to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee and the House Agriculture Committee. pp. 11085, 11224
The Ways and Means Committee reported with amendment H. R. 9396, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to place guar seed on the free list (H. Rept. 2681). p. 11235
3. WATER SUPPLY. The Public Works Committee reported without amendment S. 2374, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to enter into contracts to furnish water for municipal water supplies from flood control and river and harbor projects (H. Rept. 2683). p. 11236

4. BUDGETING; ACCOUNTING. The Government Operations Committee ordered reported H. R. 11526, to improve governmental budgeting and accounting methods and procedures. p. D778
5. PERSONNEL. The Government Operations Committee ordered reported H. R. 11515, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation cost for persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the U. S. and Alaska. p.D778
6. RECLAMATION. Received the new conference report, subsequent to an order to recommit, on S. 1622, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make payment for certain improvements located on public lands in the Rapid Valley unit, S. Dak., of the Missouri River Basin project (H. Rept. 2677). p. 11179
7. ATOMIC ENERGY. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy ordered reported the following bills: p. D778
H. R. 9743 and S. 2643, to encourage maximum development of atomic energy reactors for the generation of low-cost electric power and the production, utilization, and treatment of special nuclear and other materials.
S. 4203, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 "(so-called AEC omnibus bill)".

SENATE

8. WHEAT. By a vote of 85 to 2, agreed to a resolution of ratification on the International Wheat Agreement of 1956, extending the Agreement for 3 years. The Agreement covers 303 million bushels of wheat, as compared to 395 million covered in the 1953 Agreement; sets the price range of wheat at \$1.50 to \$2.00 a bushel, as compared with \$1.55 and \$2.05 in the 1953 agreement; and adds two new exporting countries - Argentina and Sweden. p. 11102
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S. 4059, without amendment, to provide for price reporting and research with respect to forest products (S. Rept. 2510);
H. R. 5337, without amendment, to broaden the provisions of law relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities (S. Rept. 2507);
H. R. 9333, without amendment, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases (S. Rept. 2506);
H. R. 9339, without amendment, authorizing the exchange of certain U. S. lands in Union County, Ga., for lands in the Chattahoochee National Forest (S. Rept. 2508);
H. R. 11873, without amendment, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 days to 15 days (S. Rept. 2509);
S. 3429, with amendment, to improve and simplify the credit facilities available to farmers and to amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (S. Rept. 2526);
S. 2216, with amendment, to amend the act of March 4, 1915, to permit the use and occupancy of national forest lands for industrial and commercial purposes, and by States or political subdivisions for constructing facilities for education or other public uses (S. Rept. 2511);

ELIMINATION OF DELAY IN WATERSHED PROJECTS

JULY 11, 1956.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ELLENDER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11873]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11873) to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill shortens the period before projects can be started as required under the provisions of section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, from 45 days to 15 days, as explained fully in the attached House report.

[H. Rept. No. 2470, 84th Cong., 2d sess.]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11873) to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act requires that after projects have been worked out with local groups, approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, and reviewed and approved by the Bureau of the Budget, they shall be submitted to Congress through the President and that no work on such projects may start for at least 45 days after the date of submission, counting only those days occurring during any regular or special session of Congress.

The intended purpose of this interval was to give the Houses of Congress and individual Members thereof an opportunity to review the projects before work on them was undertaken in order that proper

action might be inaugurated in the event Congress disapproved of any specific projects.

The act went into effect on August 4, 1954, and the first projects thereunder were submitted to Congress on April 20 of this year. Since that time, additional projects have been set up by the Bureau of the Budget, including a group of eight such projects on June 8, 1956.

Experience with the handling of the projects thus far submitted indicates quite clearly that the interval of 45 days provided in the act for congressional review is unnecessarily long. Not only does this requirement normally hold up the start of projects longer than necessary, but because of the provision that only days during a session of Congress are to be counted, may delay the start of such a project unnecessarily from one session of Congress to another.

This bill will shorten the review period from 45 days to 15 days and thus eliminate a substantial delay, while still maintaining the principle of and opportunity for congressional review of each individual project.

DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture indicates no objection on the part of that Department or the Bureau of the Budget to the bill.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., June 22, 1956.

HON. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN COOLEY: This is in reply to your request for a report by this Department on H. R. 11873 a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

The Department has no objection to enactment of the bill. However, the period for congressional consideration of work plans transmitted to it is, in our view, a matter for the Congress to decide.

The bill would shorten from 45 to 15 days the period which must elapse after work plans are received by the Congress before installations of works of improvement on the projects can be commenced with Federal assistance.

This would make it possible to start work on projects 30 days sooner than under present provisions. It would help assure the initiation of work this summer on several projects for which work plans are now before the Congress and on which work cannot be started until next year if the Congress adjourns less than 45 days after they were received by the Congress.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

TRUE D. MORSE, *Acting Secretary.*

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted

is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT

(68 Stat. 666)

* * * * *

SEC. 5. At such time as the Secretary and the interested local organization have agreed on a plan for works of improvement, and the Secretary has determined that the benefits exceed the costs, and the local organization has met the requirements for participation in carrying out the works of improvement as set forth in section 4, the Secretary is authorized to assist such local organizations in developing specifications, in preparing contracts for construction, and to participate in the installation of such works of improvement in accordance with the plan: *Provided*, That, except as to the installation of works of improvement on Federal lands, the Secretary shall not construct or enter into any contract for the construction of any structure unless there is no local organization authorized by State law to undertake such construction or to enter into such contract, and in no event after July 1, 1956: *Provided*, That in participating in the installation of such works of improvement the Secretary, as far as practicable and consistent with his responsibilities for administering the overall national agricultural program, shall utilize the authority conferred upon him by the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That, at least [forty-five] *fifteen* days (counting only days occurring during any regular or special sessions of the Congress) before such installation involving Federal assistance is commenced, the Secretary shall transmit a copy of the plan and the justification therefor to the Congress through the President: *Provided further*, That any such plan (a) which includes reclamation or irrigation works or which affects public or other lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, or (b) which includes Federal assistance for floodwater detention structures, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of the Army, respectively, for his views and recommendations at least sixty days prior to transmission of the plan to the Congress through the President. The views and recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Army, if received by the Secretary of Agriculture prior to the expiration of the above sixty-day period, shall accompany the plan transmitted by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Congress through the President: *Provided further*, That, prior to any Federal participation in the works of improvement under this Act, the President shall issue such rules and regulations as he deems necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Act, and to assure the coordination of the work authorized under this Act, and related work of other agencies including the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Army.

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[Report No. 2509]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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JULY 11, 1956

Reported by Mr. ELLENDER, without amendment

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4 vention Act is amended by striking out of the third proviso
5 of said section the words "forty-five" and inserting "fifteen".

Passed the House of Representatives July 2, 1956.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

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H. R. 11873

[Report No. 2509]

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14. COTTON FUTURES. Passed without amendment H. R. 9333, to give to certain consuming processors of cotton the privilege of buying cotton futures contracts in certain cases. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 11439
15. RESEARCH. Passed as reported S. 3832, to provide for the disposal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio. p. 11439
16. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK. Passed as reported S. 3868, to extend until June 30, 1963, the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945. p. 11439
17. MARKETING. Passed as reported H. R. 5337, to broaden the provisions of law relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities. p. 11440
18. WATERSHEDS. Passed without amendment H. R. 11873, to decrease the Congressional review period of projects under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act from 45 to 15 days. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 11440
19. MINING. Passed as reported S. 3941, relating to certain mining claims which were eligible for validation under the act of August 12, 1953, but which were not validated solely because of the failure of the owners to take certain action to protect their claims within the prescribed period. p. 11440
Passed without amendment H. R. 6501, to permit the disposal of certain reserve mineral deposits under the mining laws of the U. S. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 11442
20. LEGAL OFFICERS. Passed as reported S. 4076, to provide for the appointment of the chief legal officers of certain departments (including this Department) in the executive branch by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate. p. 11442
21. SECURITY. Passed without amendment S. J. Res. 182, to extend the time for filing the report of the Commission on Government Security to June 30, 1957. p. 11442
22. WHEAT. Both Houses received from this Department proposed legislation to amend the International Wheat Agreement Act of 1949, so as to extend the authority contained in that act for the purpose of implementing the Agreement of 1956; to Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, and House Banking and Currency Committee. pp. 11427, 11595
23. POTATOES. Sen. Langer inserted a Potato Growers Assoc. resolution favoring legislation for the grading and inspection of potatoes entering market channels. p. 11427
24. PERSONNEL. The Post Office and Civil Service Committee reported with amendments S. 3465, relating to effective dates of increases in compensation granted to wage board employees (S. Rept. 2573). p. 11429
25. THE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE reported the following bills:
S. 4058, without amendment, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to extend and renew to Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co. for the term of 10 years a lease of a tract of land in the USDA Range Livestock Experiment Station in Mont. (S. Rept. 2575). p. 11429

- H. R. 11375, without amendment, to further extend the special school milk program to certain institutions for the care and training of children whether or not underprivileged (S. Rept. 2576). p. 11429
- S. J. Res. 179, without amendment, to authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to quitclaim certain property in Coahoma Co., Miss., to the Home Demonstration Club, of Rena Lara, Miss., Inc. (S. Rept. 2574). p. 11430
26. LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee ordered reported with amendment S. 1636, to require the use of humane methods in the slaughter of livestock and poultry in interstate or foreign commerce. The "Daily Digest" states that it was "amended so that the bill would provide only for establishment of an advisory committee on humane slaughtering which would report to the Congress within 2 years". p. D796
27. APPROPRIATIONS; MUTUAL SECURITY. The Appropriations Committee/^{ordered} reported with amendment H. R. 12130, the Mutual Security appropriation bill for 1957. The "Daily Digest" states that "as approved, the bill would provide a total of \$4,105,420,000, an increase of \$680,300,000 over the House-passed figure of \$3,425,120,000". p. D796
28. LIVESTOCK. Sen. Johnson spoke on the continuing/^{drought} situation, and urged this Department to make feed available at cost to livestock producers. p. 11434
29. EXECUTIVE PAY. Sen. Smith, N. J., inserted a newspaper editorial supporting Hoover Commission recommendations for an increase in the pay of Federal executives. p. 11434
30. ROADS. Sen. Johnson commented on the effects of the road building program on the Nation's economy. p. 11473
31. RECLAMATION. Agreed to the conference report on S. 1622, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make payments for certain improvements located on public lands in the Rapid Valley unit, S. Dak., of the Missouri River Basin project (House agreed to the report on July 12, 1956). This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 11474
32. FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Sen. Humphrey discussed various aspects of our foreign policy and foreign aid programs. p. 11478
33. COTTON. Sen. Payne inserted a release of this Department stating that cotton products export aid will be extended through equalization payments. p. 11494
34. ELECTRIFICATION. Sen. Neuberger and others discussed the construction of the Hells Canyon dam. p. 11501
Sen. Watkins and others spoke on the Federal contribution to water resource development in the Pacific Northwest. p. 11508
35. CREDIT. Sen. Humphrey criticized the Administration's credit policies. p. 11512
36. THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ordered the following bill reported:
H. R. 8226, without amendment, to reserve certain lands in Alaska for public-school purposes. p. D796
H. R. 7887, without amendment, to authorize the Commissioner of Public Lands to sell public lands under certain circumstances without public auction. p. D796

discrimination which negates the theory of equality.

One need not agree at all with the reasons given for such discriminations—indeed, one may be offended by their practice. But if we are to rely on theory, there is as much right to discrimination as there is to non-discrimination. It is really the misguided attempt to override these separate and distinct rights of the individual by public law that causes the conflict of today.

Conformity by coercion is not liberalism. The answer is to be found in voluntarism—freedom's greatest vehicle of progress. It offers us the only solution to the vexatious problems of sociology in our republic.

DISPOSAL OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER RESEARCH LABORATORIES AT AKRON, OHIO

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2523, S. 3832.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The CHIEF CLERK. A bill (S. 3832) to provide for the disposal of the Government-owned synthetic rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Banking and Currency, with an amendment, on page 1, line 10, after the word "agency", to insert "the Administrator of General Services, before he offers the laboratories to the public for sale, shall ascertain what the value of the laboratories would be to Government agencies which would make substantial use thereof, and the Administrator shall not sell the laboratories to the public unless he finds, after consultation with the Director of the Budget Bureau, that such sale to the public would be in the best interests of the United States, taking into consideration among other relevant factors the value of the laboratories to any interested agency and the amounts offered by public bidders.", so as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Government laboratories at Akron, Ohio, now under control of the National Science Foundation are hereby transferred to the General Services Administration for disposal in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, except that the Administrator of General Services shall first offer the laboratories for public sale before seeking to dispose of them by transfer or assignment to any Federal agency. The Administrator of General Services, before he offers the laboratories to the public for sale, shall ascertain what the value of the laboratories would be to Government agencies which would make substantial use thereof, and the Administrator shall not sell the laboratories to the public unless he finds, after consultation with the Director of the Budget Bureau, that such sale to the public would be in the best interests of the United States, taking into consideration among other relevant factors the value of the laboratories to any interested agency and the amounts offered by public bidders. The National Science Foundation is authorized to reimburse the General Services Administration in advance for expenses necessary for the

protection and maintenance of the laboratories up to June 30, 1957.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, the bill would transfer the Government-owned synthetic-rubber research laboratories at Akron, Ohio, to the General Services Administration for disposal, first by sale to the public and, in default of such sale, by transfer to any interested Federal agency. It would authorize the National Science Foundation to reimburse General Services Administration in advance for its expenses in connection with the laboratories up to June 30, 1957.

The committee amendment would direct the General Services Administration to ascertain the value of the laboratories to interested Federal agencies, and would prohibit a sale to the public at less than this value.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill (S. 3832) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXTENSION OF EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ACT OF 1945

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2524, Senate bill 3868.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (S. 3868) to extend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Banking and Currency with an amendment on page 1, after line 6, to insert:

SEC. 2. Section 10 of said act, as amended, is amended by—

(1) inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 10.", and

(2) adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(b) Beginning on July 1, 1956, the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall contribute to the civil-service retirement and disability fund, on the basis of annual billings as determined by the Civil Service Commission, for the Government's share of the cost of the civil-service retirement system applicable to the employees of the Export-Import Bank of Washington and their beneficiaries. Beginning on July 1, 1956, the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall also contribute to the employees' compensation fund, on the basis of annual billings as determined by the Secretary of Labor, for the benefit payments made from such fund on account of the employees of the Export-Import Bank of Washington. The annual billings shall also include a statement of the fair portion of the cost of the administration of the respective funds, which shall be paid by the Export-Import Bank of

Washington into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts."

So as to make the bill read:

Be it enacted, etc., That section 8 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended (12 U. S. C. 635f), is amended by striking out "June 30, 1958" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1963."

SEC. 2. Section 10 of said act, as amended, is amended by—

(1) inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 10.", and

(2) adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(b) Beginning on July 1, 1956, the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall contribute to the civil-service retirement and disability fund, on the basis of annual billings as determined by the Civil Service Commission, for the Government's share of the cost of the civil-service retirement system applicable to the employees of the Export-Import Bank of Washington and their beneficiaries. Beginning on July 1, 1956, the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall also contribute to the employees' compensation fund, on the basis of annual billings as determined by the Secretary of Labor, for the benefit payments made from such fund on account of the employees of the Export-Import Bank of Washington. The annual billings shall also include a statement of the fair portion of the cost of the administration of the respective funds, which shall be paid by the Export-Import Bank of Washington into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts."

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, the bill was introduced by the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency [Mr. FULBRIGHT] for himself and the ranking minority member of that committee, the distinguished Senator from Indiana [Mr. CAPEHART]. The bill would extend the life of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, for an additional 5 years beyond June 30, 1958, or to the close of business on June 30, 1963. In this respect, it follows the pattern of the act of October 3, 1951, which extended the life of the bank for 5 years at a time when the then termination date was 2 years distant.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed the question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill (S. 3868) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

The title was amended, so as to read: "A bill to extend the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, and for other purposes."

AMENDMENT OF COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2543, H. R. 9333.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 9333) to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for hedging an-

anticipated requirements of processors and manufacturers.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, under the present requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act, purchases of commodity futures may be classified as bona fide hedging only if offset by fixed-price sale commitments. This amendment to the act will permit processors and manufacturers to carry on hedging operations against all or a part of their anticipated requirements, as explained fully in the House report.

There is also a very favorable report from the Department of Agriculture, recommending the approval of the bill.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H. R. 9333) was ordered to a third reading, read the third time and passed.

PRACTICES IN THE MARKETING OF PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2545, H. R. 5337.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 5337) to amend the provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930, relating to practices in the marketing of perishable agricultural commodities.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry with amendments, on page 2, line 3, after the numeral "2", to insert "(a)"; after line 6, to insert:

(b) The last proviso of section 4 (a) of such act (7 U. S. C., sec. 499d (a)) is amended by striking out "a fee of \$20" and inserting "the fee provided in section 3 (b), plus \$5."

And on page 5, line 11, after "(a)", to strike out:

The Secretary or his duly authorized agents shall have the right to inspect such accounts, records, and memoranda of any commission merchant, dealer, or person, as may be required (1) in the investigation of complaints under this act; or (2) to the determination of ownership, control, packer, or State, country, or region of origin in connection with the commodity inspection; or (3) to ascertain whether section 9 of this act is being complied with and if such commission merchant shall refuse permission for inspection, the Secretary may publish the facts and circumstances or order suspended the license which the permission gives.

And, in lieu thereof, to insert:

The Secretary or his duly authorized agents shall have the right to inspect such

accounts, records, and memoranda of any commission merchant, dealer, or broker as may be material (1) in the investigation of complaints under this act, or (2) to the determination of ownership, control, packer, or State, country, or region of origin in connection with commodity inspections, or (3) to ascertain whether section 9 of this act is being complied with, and if any such commission merchant, dealer, or broker refuses to permit such inspection, the Secretary may publish the facts and circumstances and/or, by order, suspend the license of the offender until permission to make such inspection is given.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, the bill would—without broadening the scope or original intent of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930, as amended—correct certain deficiencies which have become apparent in the administration of the act, thereby lending greater strength and more effectiveness to the basic legislation. The bill would accomplish this end by, first, strengthening the provisions relating to misbranding or misrepresentation of grade and origin of fresh fruits and vegetables; second, increasing the maximum annual license fee from the present \$15 per year to \$25; third, permitting the Secretary of Agriculture to deny issuance of a license to any person convicted of a felony in any State or Federal court; fourth, authorizing the Secretary to deny a license to any applicant who has been involved in bankruptcy proceedings within 3 years unless the applicant furnishes a bond or other assurance satisfactory to the Secretary; fifth, empowering the Secretary to suspend the license of a person who employs in any responsible position an individual whose license is under suspension; and, sixth, providing authority for the inspection of any perishable commodity covered by the act.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the committee amendments.

The amendments were agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill is open to further amendment. If there be no further amendment to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment of the amendments and third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H. R. 5337) was read the third time and passed.

AMENDMENT OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION ACT

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2546, H. R. 11873.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (H. R. 11873) to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. President, experience with the handling of the projects thus far submitted indicates quite clearly that the interval of 45 days provided in the act for congressional review is unnecessarily long. Not only does this requirement normally hold up the start of projects longer than necessary, but because of the provision that only days during a session of Congress are to be counted, may delay the start of such a project unnecessarily from one session of Congress to another.

This bill will shorten the review period from 45 days to 15 days and thus eliminate a substantial delay, while still maintaining the principle of and opportunity for congressional review of each individual project.

The Department of Agriculture has no objection to the bill, and the Bureau of the Budget has offered no objection.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H. R. 11873) was ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

VALIDATION OF CERTAIN MINING CLAIMS

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 2559, S. 3941.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The bill will be stated by title for the information of the Senate.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. A bill (S. 3941) relating to certain mining claims which were eligible for validation under the act of August 12, 1953, but which were not validated solely because of the failure of the owners to take certain action to protect their claims within the prescribed period.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with amendments, on page 1, after line 4, to strike out:

(1) meeting the eligibility requirements of the act of August 12, 1953 (67 Stat. 539), for purposes of validation;

(2) which was not validated as provided in such act solely because the owner thereof failed to post notice of his claim and file an amended notice of location within the allowable period; and

(3) which was located on certain lands of the United States, situated in McKinley County, N. Mex., and described as section 20, township 13 north, range 9 west;

shall be effective to the same extent as if such mining claim had been given full force and effect under the provisions of such act: *Provided*, That the owner thereof shall, not.

And, in lieu thereof, to insert:

(1) which was located on lands of the United States in (a) section 20 of township 13 north, range 9 west, New Mexico principal meridian, McKinley County, N. Mex.; or (b) situated in Johnson County, Wyo., and within section 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, or 15, township 43

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AN ACT

All 70 Stat. 580.

To amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act so as to eliminate delay in the start of projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act is amended by striking out of the third proviso of said section the words "forty-five" and inserting "fifteen". ^{68 Stat. 667.} ^{16 USC 1005.}

Approved July 19, 1956.

